



ENGAGE

PROVEN PRINCIPLES TO DEEPEN
YOUR CONNECTION WITH GOD
THROUGH WORSHIP AND SONG

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INTRODUCTION

IGNITE PASSIONATE AND PURPOSEFUL WORSHIP
IN YOU AND THOSE YOU LEAD

IT IS POSSIBLE

You can walk with God and enjoy intimate fellowship with Him when you apply the principles in this devotional.

LEAD YOUR FAMILY

Share this devotional with your family or small group and witness their connection with God deepen and grow.



LEAD YOUR CONGREGATION

As a pastor or worship leader, you can share these 1-2 minute principles over 12 weekends to equip your congregation to genuinely engage in worship and song. Watch as they grow in their relationship with Him.

THE BIG DEAL

God created humanity for a relationship with Him. Our ultimate purpose and destiny are to walk with God and engage in deep communion with Him.

EQUIP THOSE YOU LEAD IN A COUPLE MINUTES



HEY, I'M LAMAR BOSCHMAN

I have tested and proven these principles to be transformative in deepening connection with God. Through them, I have witnessed countless miracles in my life and ministry. Now, we want to share them with you to empower your journey and impact your ministry.

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HEY, I'M JP SMITS

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Share them with your family and those you lead and watch them grow in their connection with God.

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CONNECT



01 WHAT IS HE WORTH?

"You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory, honor, and power." Revelation 4:11

Worship is all about God. It is giving, acknowledging, and attributing to Him worth, or "worth-ship." It's giving Him honor and esteeming Him with the highest value.

Worship is your attitude of reverence, love, adoration, or honor toward the object of your affection. That attitude is the very heart and soul of worship.

WHY WE WORSHIP

Your actions in worship are empty without your heart's attitude. Like sounding brass and clashing cymbals, they are meaningless without the attitude of love.



So, in essence, worship is "love expressed." Expression in worship is good, but the most important thing is to have an attitude of worship.

Worship is also organic because it comes from organisms, not organized art or events. It doesn't come from productions or performances. Worship begins raw and unproduced in the heart of every believer. It comes from God's "life forms"—His creatures and creation—not "art forms" such as songs and playlists.

Worship is relational and springs out of a personal and intimate relationship. You don't have affection or adoration for strangers, only those you know. You worship what or who you have an interest in and affection for.

Worship is spiritual because it comes from our spirit and engages in the Holy Spirit because God is spirit and wants us to worship in His dimension.

02 ATTITUDE OF THE HEART

"These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me."
Matthew 15:8 NLT

Worship can be defined as love expressed. The DNA of worship is the attitude of reverence, love, adoration, or honor toward God. That attitude is the very heart and soul of authentic worship. Expression in worship is good, but the most important thing is to have an attitude of worship

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Before your worship can be an "external action," it must first be an "internal attitude."

Your actions in worship are empty without your heart's attitude. The Bible says, "Though I worship with the tongues of men and angels, if I don't love, I am merely making noise." 1 Cor. 13:1

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HEART IN THE ART



"...true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way." John 4:23 NLT.

When Jesus said, "We must worship in spirit and truth," He gave us the most important and non-negotiable aspect of worship—to be spiritual and honest.

HOW TO WORSHIP

He said that worship should involve our spirit and the Holy Spirit. So many people think they worshiped if they sing the songs on the screen. Worship is the response of God's Spirit in us to that Spirit in Him, whereby we answer 'Abba, Father.' Gal. 4:6.

True worshippers are all those who honestly and sincerely worship God—those who worship with the heart and mean what they sing or pray.

The heart is the genesis of vertical worship. If worship is not in your heart, it is not in your song. If your heart is not focused on God and His worth, then what you do is just empty form.

To be genuine worshippers, we must mean what we sing, say, play, and pray. You can have inward attitudes in worship without outward actions and still have real worship. But we cannot have outward actions without an inward attitude of the heart and still worship truthfully.

What gives our worship integrity is the condition of our heart, not the condition of our art. Worship is not the sound of your music but the sound of your heart. To say it another way, if worship is not in your heart, it is not in your art.





04 EXPRESS YOURSELF

“Let us lift our hearts and hands to God in heaven.”
Lamentations 3:41 ESV

There are many ways to express a heart of worship—prayer, music, dance, lifting hands, clapping, bowing, kneeling, and lying prostrate. When we clap, lift our hands, or sing, it must come from an authentic desire to honor God, not by habit or routine.

EXPRESSIONS OF WORSHIP

Lifting hands in worship symbolizes surrender and a willingness to yield to God’s authority, will, and purpose. The Bible instructs us to “Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord.” Psalm 134:2. This act can also signify dependence on God. Just as a child reaches up to their parent for help or comfort, lifted hands express a longing for God’s presence and provision.

Clapping in worship is a powerful act of victory and joy. It can mean rejoicing in God’s victories, celebrating His power, and declaring His sovereignty. Clapping also signifies agreement, like saying “amen” to spiritual truths, prayers, or declarations. It can also be seen as a spiritual act of warfare, symbolizing the triumph of God’s authority over darkness and His judgment on your enemy—Job 27:23.

The most common expression of worship is singing, so common that many Christians equate worship solely with singing. However, singing is an essential act of worship that connects believers to God, bringing joy to His heart and inviting His presence into their lives (Psalm 100:2, Psalm 22:3). Whether singing about God or directly to Him, it is a deeply personal, emotional, and spiritual expression that draws believers closer to Him and glorifies Him with their voices.



05

DRAW CLOSE

“Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!”
Psalm 100:2 ESV

How do we get close to God? The Bible says, “Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!” Psalm 100:2 ESV. God has chosen for us to connect with Him through singing. Songs are not the entrance; your singing of praise is how you approach Him.

WHY WE SING

Psalm 100:4 says it well, “Enter his gates with a song of thanksgiving. Come into his courtyards with a song of praise...” GW.

Singing is not merely an option; it is a biblical command. God invites His people to worship Him through singing as an act of obedience. "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth." Psalm 96:1. Singing is for all believers who want to obey and please God.

Do you want to connect with God? Then, engage with Him by singing with all your heart and mean every word you sing. Don't be shy; sing out. Let's fully engage our hearts in singing praise and enter His presence.



06 YOUR VOICE PRINT

"...The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

When we worship, God listens beyond the words and melodies to the heart. Scripture emphasizes that God values authentic worship from a sincere, humble heart rather than mere performance or outward expression.

WHAT GOD LISTENS TO

God listens for truthfulness, humility, and sincerity in worship. "The true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth." John 4:23-24. This means God seeks worship that is genuine and grounded in an understanding of who He is.

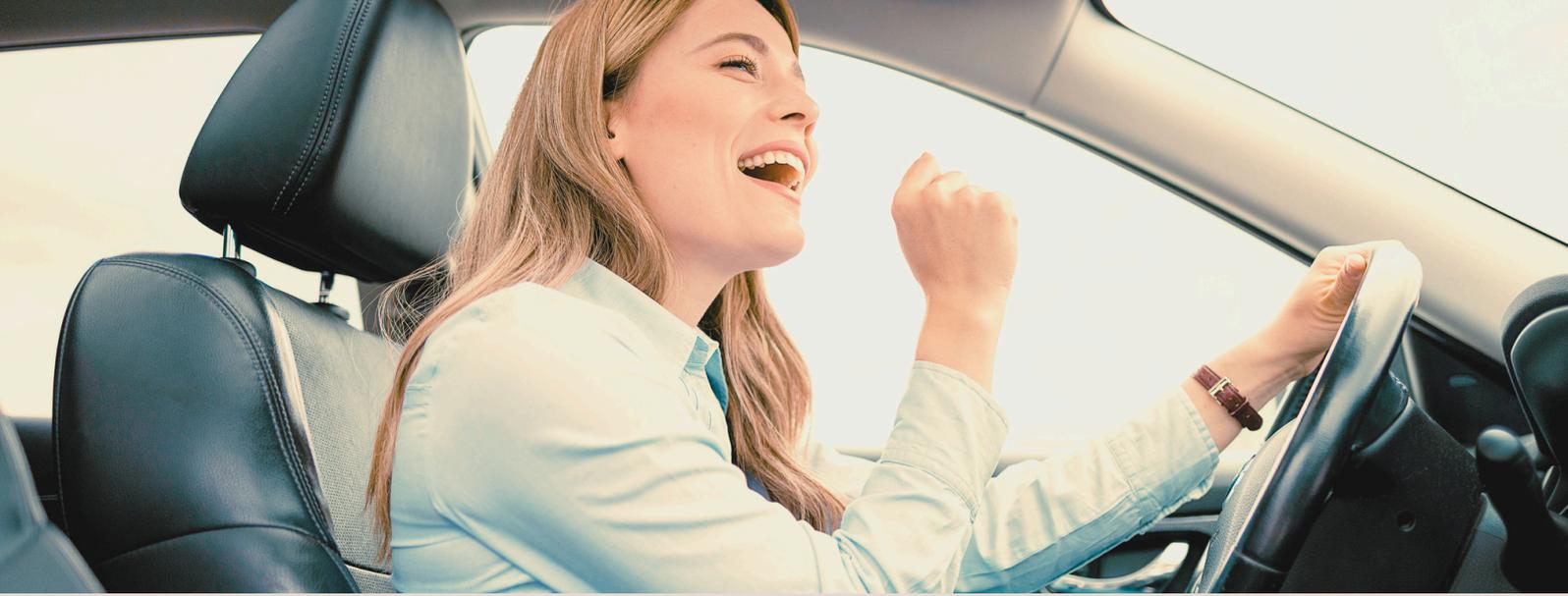


When you sing or pray, God is not listening to your vocal quality, your enunciation, or how well you sang the song. He is listening to your heart, not your voice. 1 Samuel 16:7. We can't impress God with our singing. He is so perfect and elevated in musical quality that the world's best singing is just baby-talk to Him.

Each of our voices is as unique as our fingerprints, and God is listening for your distinct voiceprint. When you withhold your praise, He misses it. Only you can offer Him praise in the way you do because your voiceprint is one of a kind in all the world.

God also discerns the motives behind our worship, whether to honor Him or for personal gain or recognition. In Isaiah 29:13, He warns against worship that is only lip service without genuine reverence. Let's worship God with abandon, loving Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.





07 MOBILE TEMPLES

“Do you not know and understand that you [the church] are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells [permanently] in you [collectively and individually]?”
1 Corinthians 3:16 AMP

Did you know that worship happens in the heart, not just in a building? We don't just go to church—we are the church!

WHERE DO WE WORSHIP?

The Bible says we are His temples. What happens inside temples? Worship! As mobile temples of the Holy Spirit, we carry worship wherever we go—whether at home, in the car, at work, or in school. Unlike brick-and-mortar temples, we are living, breathing, biological temples designed to host God's presence.

If worship isn't happening in the temple of our heart, it won't truly happen in the building where we gather. Many believe worship is limited to a specific location or to weekends in a church building. While church buildings are sacred and dedicated to God for corporate worship, they are no more sacred than the place God has chosen to dwell—you.

We are called to worship anywhere and at any time because Jesus dwells in us, making us temples of God. Let's commit to worshipping Him wherever we are. Why not start right here, right now?



OS LIVING WORSHIP

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.” Hebrews 13:15 NIV

The Bible teaches that worship is not confined to specific times or places but should continually express devotion to God. Jesus replied to the woman at the well, “A time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.” John 4:21 BSB. Worship is to be in Spirit and truth – any time and anywhere.

WHEN TO WORSHIP

For example, we are to worship daily. "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised." Psalm 113:3. Daily worship cultivates a heart of thanksgiving and keeps our focus on God.

We are to worship at all times, even in times of trouble, as Paul and Silas demonstrated (Acts 16:25). The Holy Spirit amplified that when He said through the writer of Hebrews, “Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.” Hebrews 13:15 NIV.

We are to worship on the Sabbath. The early church set aside the first day of the week to gather for worship, honoring Jesus’ resurrection. Acts 20:7. However, your worship continues throughout the week.

We are to live a life of worship; every moment becomes an opportunity to glorify God! We have an opportunity now, let’s worship and bless the Lord.



09 THE WORSHIP WEAPON

“Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples to bind their kings with chains; and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute on them the written judgment— This honor have all His saints. Praise the Lord” - Psalm 149:6-9 NKJV

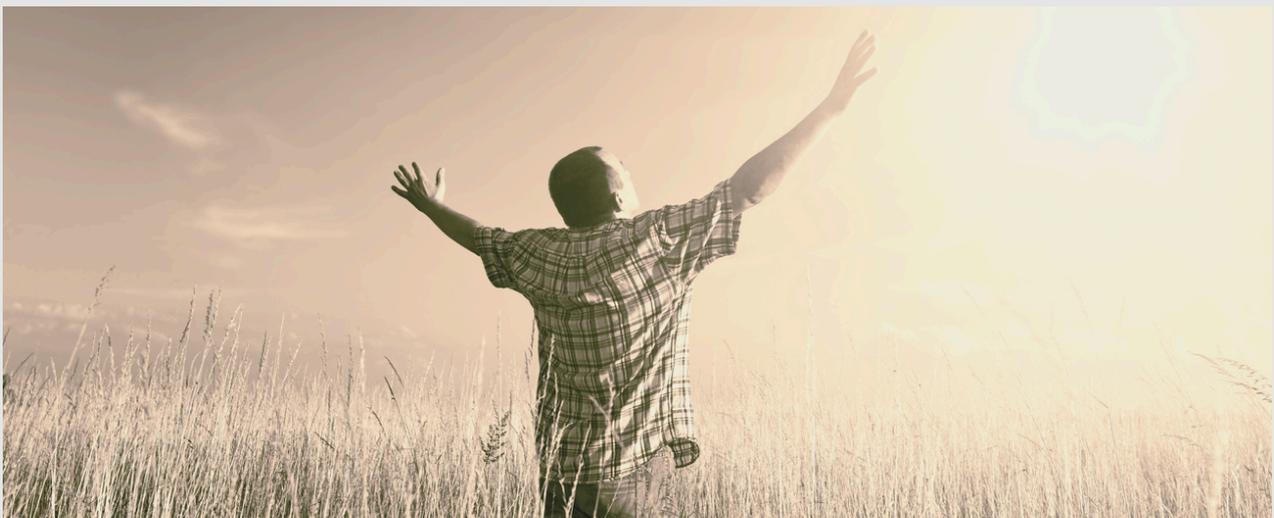
Worship is more than a response to God’s goodness—it’s a weapon in our spiritual battles. Singing praise invites God’s power into our struggles, reminding us that the battle belongs to Him.

In worship, we declare God’s strength and sovereignty over every challenge. It shifts our focus from fear to faith, reminding us that God fights for us. Worship disrupts the enemy’s plans, silencing lies with the truth of God’s promises.

OVERCOMING THROUGH SONG

Throughout Scripture, we see the power of worship in action. When Joshua and the Israelites marched around Jericho, their praise caused the walls to fall. When Paul and Silas worshiped in prison, chains were broken, and freedom came.

When you face difficulties, let your worship become your battle cry. Lift your voice in praise, not because the battle is over but because victory is already yours through Christ.



10 LIFT UP YOUR SONG

"Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day." - 1 Chronicles 16:23



There is power in lifting up your voice in praise. Singing to God isn't about how well you carry a tune, but about the heart behind the song. Praise shifts our focus from our problems to the One who holds the solution.

SINGING PRAISE SHIFTS PERSPECTIVE

When life feels overwhelming, it's tempting to let discouragement take over. But praise changes the atmosphere. As we proclaim God's salvation, we remind ourselves of His faithfulness and promises. Our praise magnifies Him, and suddenly, our problems seem smaller.

David, the psalmist, often sang to the Lord in triumph and trial. His songs reflected a deep trust in God's goodness, even when circumstances seemed dire. Like David, you can lift up your song as an act of faith, declaring God's power and provision.

Today, choose a song of praise and sing it from your heart. Let it remind you of God's unchanging character. Your song is a testimony of His greatness and an offering of worship that brings Him glory.





SING IN THE MESS

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV



Life can bring challenges that stretch our faith, moments when the weight of trials clouds our perspective. Yet, even in the most difficult circumstances, choosing to praise is a bold declaration of trust in God. When we rejoice, we affirm that He is greater than any struggle and faithful to guide us through.

Giving thanks in all situations doesn’t mean denying pain or ignoring our problems. It’s about recognizing God’s presence and power right in the middle of them.

Singing praise declares, “I trust God is working all things together for my good. His strength upholds me, His love surrounds me, and His power is sufficient.”

REJOICE IN EVERY TRIAL

Rejoicing in trials is a profound act of faith that re-centers our hearts on God. It reminds us of His character—our refuge, redeemer, and ever-present help. As we praise, our focus shifts from the weight of our problems to the assurance of His promises, filling us with hope, peace, and renewed strength.

Whatever you are facing today, lift your voice in praise Him in song. Declare God’s truth over your situation: “The Lord is my helper, strength, and shield. He is with me, and He is for me.” Trust in His unfailing love and watch as He leads you through every storm.





12 UNLOCKING GOD'S POWER

"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." – 2 Peter 1:3 NIV

If you want to see change in any area of your life, it must first begin within. True transformation starts in the heart, and the power of God within you is the key to overcoming challenges and creating lasting change. On your own, this can feel impossible—but with God, it becomes effortless through His grace.

WHY ENGAGE IN SINGING PRAISE?

Engaging in worship is a choice that opens the door to this transformation. It begins with humility, acknowledging that we need God. When we align our hearts with His Word through worship, we position ourselves to receive His strength and guidance.

In Mark 4:14–20, Jesus compares the Word of God to a seed planted in the soil of our hearts. When nurtured, this seed can produce a harvest of growth and victory. Worship is the watering process. It invites God's presence to enrich the soil of our heart, allowing His Word to take root and bear fruit in every area of our lives.

By choosing to engage in singing praise, you tap into a divine power that can bring healing, breakthroughs, and renewal. Start today by coming before God with a humble heart and watching His Word transform you from the inside out.

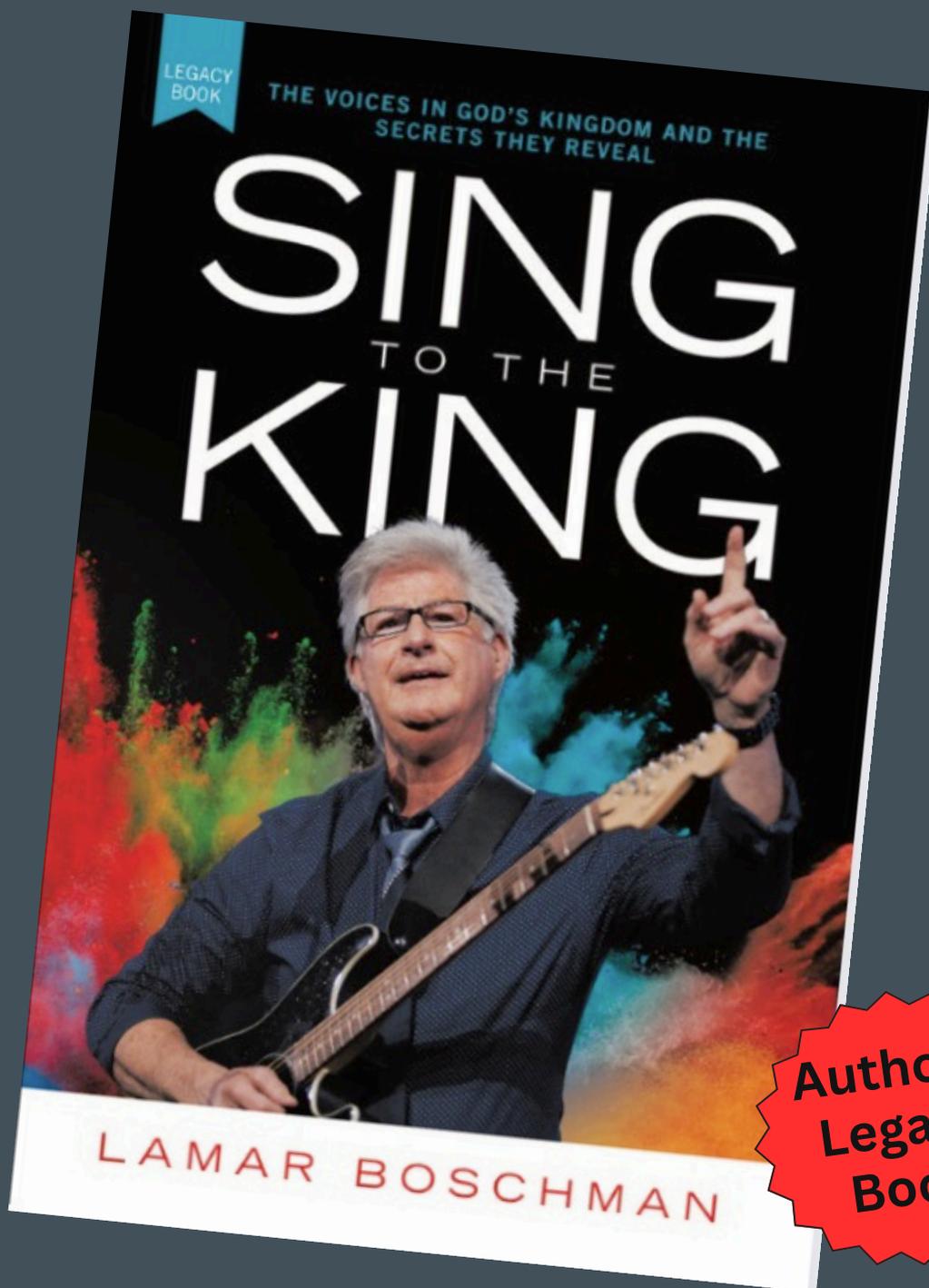


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IF YOU WANT TO GO DEEPER



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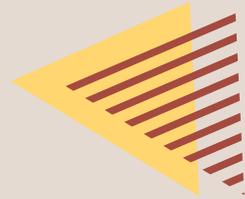
WHEREVER BOOKS ARE SOLD

Developing

YOUR CHECKLIST

01

HAVE I WORSHIPED TODAY?



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AM I MEANING WHAT I AM SINGING?

03

DO I EXPRESS MYSELF IN WORSHIP?

04

**WHEN I WORSHIP AS A LEADER DO I HAVE THE
COUNTENANCE AND POSTURE OF A WORSHIP?**

05

DO I SING PRAISE THROUGHOUT THE WEEK?

Keys to *Engaging* **YOUR CHURCH**

Pastor, worship leader, the remedy to a disengaged congregation is because they have not been taught what worship is and how to engage with God. Here are some key strategies in addressing both the heart and the practical aspects of worship:



TEACH THE ESSENCE OF WORSHIP

Biblical Foundation: Teach your congregation why we worship and what it means to worship "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). Help them understand that worship is about encountering God, not just singing songs. Use this guide for twelve consecutive weekends.



FOCUS ON JESUS

Shift the focus of worship from performance or self to glorifying Jesus. Remind them that worship is for Him and about Him.



CREATE A CULTURE OF WORSHIP

Encourage Participation: Share the importance of congregational singing in scripture (e.g., Colossians 3:16). Let them know their voice matters and contributes to the worship atmosphere.

Model Engagement: Leaders and team members must model passionate worship. A leader's engagement sets the tone for the room.



SING RELATABLE SONGS

Singable Songs: Choose songs that are easy for the congregation to follow. Avoid overly complex melodies or lyrics that might feel inaccessible.

Balance Old and New: Include songs familiar to the congregation while gradually introducing new ones.



ENCOURAGEMENT

Call to Worship: Open the service with an inspiring invitation to worship. Use scripture or a brief word to prepare hearts. You can use the chapters in this book.

Celebrate Small Wins: When participation increases, acknowledge it. Encourage your congregation by affirming their involvement.

Keys to Engaging YOUR CHURCH



DISCIPLE YOUR WORSHIP TEAM

Spiritual Alignment: Equip your worship and pastoral team with a heart for worship, not just singing songs. Their authenticity will inspire the congregation.

Rehearse Purposefully: Rehearsals should focus on spiritual preparation as much as musical excellence.



PRAY FOR A BREAKTHROUGH

Intercede for the Congregation: Pray specifically for hearts to be softened, distractions to be removed, and for a hunger for God to grow.

Depend on the Holy Spirit: Trust the Spirit to move in the hearts of the people, drawing them into worship.



ATTEND A WORSHIP EVENT

Like Abraham, sometimes we need to step out of our familiar routines and go to a place where God can speak to us in a fresh way and we can gain new perspectives. I highly recommend the Global Worship Summit. The testimonies from pastors, worship leaders, and teams attending the GWS have been exceptional!

By combining these principles, you can cultivate a worship environment that encourages engagement, passion, and connection with God. Worship becomes more than singing—it transforms into a powerful encounter with God’s revealed presence.

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